

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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NAC 391.332 Qualifications to serve as substitute teacher; endorsement as substitute teacher; period for which substitute teacher may be hired; provisional nonrenewable special license; renewal. (NRS 391.019)

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.330 and 391.436, to serve as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12, a person must hold a valid:

(a) Elementary or secondary license, a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, a license to teach special education, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education; or

(b) Special license or provisional special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 issued pursuant to subsection 2.

2. To receive an endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 on a special license or a provisional special license, a person must:

(a) Have completed at least 60 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university ~~{}~~, or ***possess an associate's degree or higher degree from an accredited college or university;***

(b) ~~{Possess an associate's degree or higher degree from an accredited college or university.}~~ ***Be at least 18 years of age and have completed a CTE dual credit Teaching and Training program offered by a public school in this State, which included the completion of a minimum of 9 semester hours of credit in education from an accredited college or university, and:***

(1) Provide to the Department, during each year that the license is valid, proof acceptable to the Department that the holder has:

(I) Completed, during the first year in which the license is valid, a minimum of three semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university in a course that directly relates to the profession of education, or fifteen hours of professional development or continuing education that is directly related to the profession of education; and

(II) Has, by the start of the second year in which the license is valid, enrolled with an educator preparation provider that has been approved by the Commission; or

(2) Be continuously enrolled with an educator preparation provider that has been approved by the Commission and provide to the Department verification of an enrollment in such program each semester until a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university have been completed; or

(c) Be at least 18 years of age and

(1) Have completed a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit in education at a regionally accredited college or university;

(2) Be continuously enrolled in an educator preparation provider that has been approved by the Commission; and

(3) Provide to the Department verification of enrollment in such a program each semester until a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university have been completed.

3. ~~{A}~~ ***Except as provided in subsection 4, a*** school district may hire a person to serve as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 for:

(a) Unlimited days of service if filling the position of a licensed teacher who is under contract.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~{4}~~ 5, 60 days of service if filling a teaching position for which a licensed teacher has not been hired under contract.

4. ***A school district may hire a person who is under the age of 21 years and who has been issued a special or provisional special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2 to serve as a substitute teacher only in a program of early childhood education or in kindergarten through eighth grade, for:***

(a) Unlimited days of service if filling the position for a licensed teacher who is under contract.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, 60 days of service if filling a teaching position for which a licensed teacher has not been hired under contract.

5. The Department may grant a school district one extension for 30 days with regard to a person who is hired pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 ***or paragraph (b) of subsection 4*** in an exceptional case upon request from the superintendent of schools of the county school district or from the administrator of a state-approved private school. Upon the expiration of such an extension, a school district may apply for an additional extension pursuant to NAC 391.398 if the school district is unable to hire a licensed special education teacher.

~~**5.**~~ **6.** A person who holds a provisional nonrenewable special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 must remove all provisions under which the license was issued within 3 years. If a person does not remove all provisions under which the license was issued within 3 years, the endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 expires on the date the provisional special license expires.

~~**6.**~~ **7.** The Department shall not issue any other endorsements on a special license or a provisional nonrenewable special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12.

~~**7.**~~ **8.** An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a special license with an endorsement as a substitute teacher in early childhood education through grade 12 is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065 if he or she is not also applying for the issuance or renewal of another license or endorsement for which he or she is subject to those requirements.

NAC 391.XXX

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional license to a person who submits an application which is accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the applicant:

(a) Is at least 18 years of age;

(b) Holds a high school diploma or the equivalent, and:

(1) Has been employed by a public or private school in this State performing the duties of a paraprofessional, as defined in NRS 391.008, for an aggregate total of:

(I) 4000 hours; or

(II) 2000 hours, if the applicant has completed a CTE Teaching and Training program offered by a public school in this State which included completion of a minimum of 9 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university; or

(2) Holds a valid substitute teaching license issued pursuant to NAC 391.332, and has been employed by a school district or charter school in this State as a substitute teacher for an aggregate total of:

(A) 4000 hours; or

(B) 2000 hours, if the applicant has completed a CTE Teaching and Training program offered by a public school in this State which included completion of a minimum of 9 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited college or university;

(c) Has enrolled in a program offered by an approved educator preparation provider, completion of which will result in the conferral of a bachelor's degree in education and will meet the requirements for licensure as an educator in this State .

2. A provisional license issued pursuant to this section:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, authorizes the holder of the license to teach in a county school district, a charter school or a university school for profoundly gifted pupils;

(b) Becomes valid on the date on which the holder of the license satisfies all the requirements of subsection 1;

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, is valid for not more than 5 years; and

(d) Is not renewable.

3. A person who receives a provisional license pursuant to this section and who is less than 21 years of age may teach in a program of early childhood education or in kindergarten and grades 1 through 8, inclusive.

4. A person who holds a provisional license pursuant to this section must, while he or she is employed as an educator pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, be mentored by a postprobationary teacher.

5. A person who is issued a provisional license pursuant to this section may apply for an initial license to teach if the applicant:

(a) Holds a bachelor's degree in education conferred by a regionally accredited college or university;

(b) Submits proof satisfactory to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the applicant passed the competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics that is required by NAC 391.036; and

(c) Pays the required fee pursuant to NAC 391.045.

6. If the holder of a provisional license issued pursuant to this section withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a program offered by an approved educator preparation provider, the provider of the program in which the holder was enrolled must, not later than 15 days after the holder withdraws or otherwise ceases to be enrolled, notify the of the name and license number of the holder, the date on which the holder withdrew or otherwise ceased to be enrolled in the program and the reason that the holder withdrew or ceased to be enrolled. The provisional license of the holder automatically becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification by the Office of Educator Licensure, Development, and Family Engagement.

7. The holder of a provisional license that has become invalid pursuant to subsection 5 may apply to the Department for the reinstatement of his or her license before the expiration date of the license if he or she:

(a) Has not previously applied for the reinstatement of the license after the date on which the license became invalid;

(b) Is accepted by another approved educator preparation provider; and

(c) Pays the fee required by NAC 391.045.